

**REMARKS**

This is a full and complete response to the Office action dated July 17, 2006.

All comments and remarks of record are herein incorporated by reference. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and all comments made in the Office action. Nevertheless, in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants provide the following remarks regarding the cited references.

**DISPOSITION OF CLAIMS**

Claims 1-10 have been withdrawn

Claims 11 and 14-16 have been amended.

Claims 12 and 17-18 have been canceled.

No new claims have been added.

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

Applicants note that Examiner recognizes Claim 18 as reciting allowable subject matter. Consequently, claim 11 has been amended to recite all the limitations previously recited in Claim 18. Accordingly, Claim 11, as amended, is now allowable. Claims 17 and 18 have been canceled in light of the amendments made to Claim 11. No new matter has been added.

**CLAIM OBJECTIONS**

Claims 14-16 have been amended to depend from allowable Claim 11. As such, Claims 13-16 and claims 21-24 now depend from an allowable claim and are thus allowable subject matter.

**CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102 AND §103**

Claim 11, as amended, is now allowable. Remaining Claims 13-16 and 21-24 now depend from an allowable claim rendering rejections under 35 USC §102 and §103 moot. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the above amendments obviate the rejection of the

claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103, and thus ask that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims and indicate allowance in the next paper from the Office.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME:

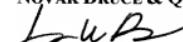
It is respectfully requested that a one month extension of time be granted in this case. The respective \$1020.00 fee is paid by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees, to Deposit Account No. 14.1437. Please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office action, Applicants respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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